

## **Public comment on the Urban Forest Management Plan update**

### **Urban Forestry Open House**

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1. Please get the Mayor and City Council to adopt the new plan
2. Consider steep slopes and north-facing slopes, as well as corridors that may connect these to establish priorities for forest management in light of climate change. These are most likely to create/maintain habitat in the long run, and should be targeted to be managed as more structurally complex areas (canopy, sub-canopy, shrub, ground cover) – leverage interdepartmental partnerships to make FMP responsive to changes in climate and hydrology.
3. Why are street trees, which are in part privately managed – being regulated in a completely different system from all other private trees?
4. We focus on trees in the urban forest, but ignore the soil that is the foundation of forest health and of stormwater interception/filtration. There was talk of selling ‘excess’ trees to fund restoration – so there seems little awareness of the ubiquitous removal of organic matter in restoration, landscaping & gardening. We send it off site, then buy it back as compost which can be a source of nitrogen pollution.